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None to report.

II. OTHER ACTIVITIES

1. We have been almost completely disappointed in our expectations that [REDACTED] was going to be able to participate in the JOT program. When he was unable to make it last week we shifted the China section of the schedule by interchanging it with the bloc on Communist Activities - on his assurance that he would be available today, tomorrow, and next Monday. On Tuesday he let us know that he could be here only next Monday - and at this point I have no confidence that he'll make it at all. The subjects will be covered by other staff members who have understudied Ken's responsibilities, and I'm sure the job will be handled competently. It would have been somewhat more stimulating for the JOTs, however, to see a new face and to come into contact with another personality.

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2. Speaking of new faces and different personalities, [REDACTED] performance was a smash hit. His obvious sincerity and the simple facts of the personal sacrifices which he made apparently made a deep impression upon the JOTs and he was roundly applauded.

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3. Although you had suggested at the CSB meeting that we wait until the beginning of the next phase to nudge the JOTs about their work habits an opportunity arose the very next morning - so I seized it. I was set to begin lecturing at 9 a.m. and some of them were still wandering in at that point. I let them know, clearly I hope, that the work-day began at 8:30 and that it was certainly inexcusable to be late for a nine o'clock lecture. A few of them commented to me later on that they felt the dressing-down was very much in order. However, in the matter of their absenting themselves from late afternoon study periods one can't help but be somewhat sympathetic.

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They have some rather complex reading material to cover, and they are being required to prepare a critical written analysis of at least two books. The R&S Auditorium does not encourage uninterrupted concentration and many of them have said that unless they can get off somewhere alone the time is not very efficiently used. This is basically why we haven't been GI about checking attendance during the study periods.

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4. Our friend [REDACTED] has done it again, and this time our collective blood-pressure really sky-rocketed! When [REDACTED] originally started his program, it must be at least seven years ago, he acquired from us a copy of the objective test which was then being used for the Communism phase of the BOC. It has since been changed several times, kept current, and markedly improved. However, [REDACTED] has continued to use the old one, not as an evaluation device, but as a means for the student to test his own knowledge at the beginning of the course. It has been pointed out to him many times that we don't use it any more, that it isn't really suitable for the purpose for which he uses it, that our current test would not be suitable, and that the whole concept should be changed. He has done nothing about it - which is his concern, not ours. However, last Monday when one of the bright young FSO BODs in the class turned the test back in with the comment written across it, "This test is ridiculous," instead of having the guts to face the problem [REDACTED] passed it off with the comment that since this was the test that CIA used there was nothing he could do about it. I have requested him to retract this statement before the class, but have no way of knowing whether this will, in fact, be done. I certainly feel that this is a poor return for all of the mileage he has gotten out of CIA!

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5. I talked with Messrs. [REDACTED] this morning about the proposed [REDACTED] briefing. [REDACTED] has not been available, and will not be until this afternoon, to discuss it with [REDACTED], so the matter has not yet been decided. [REDACTED] inclination this morning was to have SIC do it. We'll await further comment from [REDACTED]

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#### 6. Non-Agency Presentations:

2 November - FSI  
"Theoretical Background"

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3 November - FSI  
"Political System"

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"Economic Potential"

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